### WHITNEY ON WESTERN SPORT

that such a practice was all right and would be commended by any competent foot ball eritic? The article, nearly in its entire form, is reproduced herewith:

Naturally the Missouri valley is not athletically inclin d, and although there are five busy, prospersus cities on the river—Council Bluffs, Omann, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis—and ample opportunity for sport of every description in point of fact there is less of it than in any other part of the United States where similar facilities offer. The relation of physicial culture to a successful life, the modern interpretation of mens sams in exports sano, has absolutely no significance for the average Missourian. He is inclined to view all time spent away from the "store" as wasted, and to look upon physical relaxations of any kind as something to be put aside with schooldays and marches.

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I shall always remember my first encounter with Missourian intolerance of healthrul sport. It followed upon my endeavors to organize a tobogsan citib (in one of these cities, where I was wintering about Len years miss), and to rake enough money to build a skide. It took two months of constituous and most importunate effort to organize the scub and to rake the \$500 need full for its equipment. The slide completed, and the exhibitantion of the sport known, however, there was not a club member who failed to avail himself of als stock privileges. The Missourian is further prone to masquerading in an atmosphere that is all forbidding and conserved, but more often than not be is at heart one of the best of fellows, and when his ideas concerning the ethics of sportage clear, among the most of sport are clear, among the most of sportsmen, turned his face against the modern

He turned his face against the modern athietic movement when first it reached the Missouri valley; he scouted the Idea that systematic training of the muscles keeps the brain clear and clean and the body healthful and vigorous; he denounced foot ball as brutal, and the bicycle he proclaimed as a vehicle of the devil. This was about eight years ago, and even no more than three years are in some sections—for there are certain parts of this valley where modern ideas fall upon strile soil, and where time-bonored preindices are upheld with uncultured pertinacity, Only two years ago a state legislature whose sympathy with aesth the progress reached no further than it concerned the most fattening feed for hors discussed a law prohibiting foot ball, and would have made such a one but for the fact that the State university eleven had that season been soundly trounced by a sister state university team, and the honorable educational members throught it best to postpone proscription of the same until victory fested with their university team. But this does not stand for enighteement throughout the valley.

Sport has made its way slowly, it is true, but much faster than one would have suppect, taking into consideration the amount of bigory to the square mile. Missouri valley boys who have gone east to college have brought back the lessons of wholesome sport learned at the alma mater, and eastern men who have accepted western do for wholesome sport learned at the alma mater, and eastern men who have accepted western of the professorships have planted the seed of wholesome sport. That this seed

college professorships have planted the seed of wholesome sport. That this seed-ling has not invariably—has, indeed, only occasionally—rewarded the solicitude with which it was planted and the care bestowed upon its early nourishment is not to be ac-cepted in token of failure, nor could anx-lous pride give way to discouragement and chagrin.

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That there is any amateur sport in the Missouri valley attests the great human interest and beneficence in the modern ataleite movement, which is too strong to be held back by provincial prejudice; that some, most, of the sport is wholesome is due to the unflagging interest and off arts of the majority of American boys. The first organized amateur sport of the Missouri valley was very preparty at the collegesbut, very improperly, it was not of a wholesome character.

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Those were the days of the Kansas, Baker and Washburn collesses' triangular lengus, which becam in 1982 and I believe, extended to 1822 when it was succeeded by the present four-cenered lengue, which is membered by the state universities of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. The triangular league concerned itself more with the winning of foot ball games then with the implimiting of a healthful spirit. Teams were, in consequence, got together with the main purpose of winning solely in view. Taker university, being left out of the four-concerned league, set out as a free lance in 1832 with as strong a team as a total disrogard of the ethics of amateur aport would permit, and defeated about every eleven encountered. The following year the faculty of Baker university perpetuated some characteristically Missouri valley legislation by forbidding foot ball instead of grappling with the professionalism that their own connivance in the beginning and indifference lowerd the last had permitted. and indifference loward the hist had permitted, even encouraged, to thrive. O that famous Baker cleven we have no heard the end even to this day. It has left its professional trail in widely separated districts and there has been much disturbance in college athletic cheles at different times because of some of its best players. Athletic activity in the Missaud players.

districts and there has been much disturbance in college athlistic circles at different times because of some of its best players. Athlistic activity in the Missauri valley is confined aimost exclusively to the colleges. It is an illustration of the lack of sporting spirit in this section that there is not one athletic ciab deserving mention as a collaborar in the cause of honest amateur sport. Kaness City and St. Joseph have no athlete ciab of any description, though each has a thoroughly appreciated. Young Men's Christian Americation symmastion which here does the good work for the mental and moral welfaire of young men it do a wherever it is located. Omaha pretends to an athletic club, but it is hardly heard of at home, much less shread.

St. Lauts has abamefully abused its opportunities. It has had two excellent clubs within five years, and both passed into athletic docay because their officials were wanting in genuine wasienome amateur spirit. Each at one time held games and was well supported; one had a handsome cittly house and for a time cambated the Sunday "sporting" element, the other was dominated from the very beginning by the clement which delights in Sunday games, and both fell into distraces among the right sort of people because of it. An effort is now making to revive one of these clubs, but unless the Sunday sporting element is cast out, success will not reward its sponders.

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Kansas City has never had an athletic club, to my knowledge, though it has followed the lead of its older rival down the river and established a country club with a very excellent golf link of nine holes kansas City, too, has just indused in its flest horse show, which was a most creditable after in quality of exhibitiors and spectators. Horse shows are no hovelty in Missouri, however, for the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and principal topic of conversal to the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state of the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state of the state of the state of the state of the state holds I know not how many fairs during the state holds I know not how many fairs during the bear at which horse is the chief and the state of the st

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Capar E. Whitney will present in the next leave of Harper's Weekly a very thorough article on "The Adhelic New Could have said that failed experiments of the tollowing is funcished. In the main his criticisms seem fair. Had the article ben written on November 30 instead of September 30 Mr. Whitney could have added considerable evidence to the inflictance of viciation of the annateur code of ethics by that teom is the considerable evidence to the inflictance of viciation of the annateur code of ethics by that teom is the Caping of old players.

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sions do arise when more resoluts opposition by faculties would be timely and beneficial.

The duty of high school principals and of college faculties in the Missouri valley is plainly marked out. It is to ston these lapses into professionalism, and to educate their pupils along the lines of aonest amateur sport. Ethical ignorance is dense and widespread, and muss be enlightened if the standard of amateur sport in the Missouri valley is to reach that raised, a little farther east, at the leading universities of the middle west. The Iowa colleges appear to have maintained the highest standard of those in the Missouri valley section, and the only team to have been from first to last above criticism is that of the Haskell Indian school, which puts forth very good teams in both base ball and foot ball. The most notable improvement made by the colleges of this section since my last visit, two years ago, is in the now almost seneral abandonment of the practice of playing coaches as regular members of the college foot ball teams. A limit rule of four years has also been made by the colleges of the four-cornered state league. Both these rules are fairly well respected. The most important rule, however, to healthful college sport—i.e., a scholarship standard which athletes must maintain to be eligible to any team—has not yet been standard which athletes must maintain be eligible to any team—has not yet is adopted. This and a one year's reside rule are sorely needed, especially was such an institution is to be encountered the University Medical College of Misso. The '97 eleven of this college is an extra illustration of the course of sport in t section, where faculty supervision is lax, as in this case entirely wanting on

illustration of the course of sport in this section, where faculty supervision is lax, or, as in this case, entirely wanting. On the toam I saw were Heller and Pendiaton, both professionis, as is well known in the west. And that fact, too, of tsolf, is another illustration of faculty tolerance. Here are these two men, well ynown to have coached for money, and to be what we of the east call foot ball rounders, and yet they are permitted to play without a word of protest from any one of the several Missouri valley college presidents who profess much earnestness in their wisa to value the general athletic tone.

The impression I retain most vividly as the result of my present visit to the Missouri valley is the evident and pressing desire that the teams by (above all) winning ones. This desire, so urgent that it becomes first intention, sweeps through the town alumni, undergraduates, and, except where its members are most resolute, through that and the faculties. It is evidenced largely in the teurn of old players, and in the efforts made to secure their return. And this is apparent at some universities where. I am convinced, the general trend la wholesome, and the faculty desirous of maintaining healthful sport. Kansas university for instance, has a president who is fully in sympathy with clean sport, and works continuously in that direction. But whether he pathy with clean sport, and works continuously in that direction, But whether he is outvoted in the faculty or outwitted by alumni and the undergraduates, it is a fact that too many old players return to Kansas apparently for foot ball—at least such is the impression given by the exploitation of men like Gaines and Hammill.

Gaines played in '82 and '93 with Baker, '94 he left college' '95 played for Kansas, '96 he settled in business, and now, in '97, he is back again at Kansas, Hammill played '92 and '93 with Kansas, in '94 he foined the notorious Ottawa Athletic club, '95 as returned to Kansas, and in '96 captained the 'varsity eleven, At the opening of the present year there were no old players returned, whereupon Woodruff (expensylvania guard and present Kansas coach) set forth on a recruiting tour, and returned with about half a dozen of the old men. No canon of the ethics of sport may have been violated in all this, but it looks suspicious, and, what is yet more resprehensible, it exerts a truly demoralizing influence on Missouri valley college sport. Of the quality of foot ball and base ball, it is much improved, although considerably below the grade played at Chleago and Michigan universities. Base ball does not attract so much as foot ball, and track at stellage and would be the state of the four state universities has a with clean sport, and works contin-

below the grade played at Chicago and Michigan universities. Base ball does not attract so much as foot ball, and track attract so much as foot ball is too frequently unnecessarily rough—i. e. slugging is too prominent in important games. This is because of the crudity of the players and the lack of decision on the part of the unpires. Good officials are very hard to get, and poor officials are plentiful and demoralizing. Lisputes off the field of play are gratifyingly infrequent, schedules and discussions over rules being setfled well in advance. A most healthful condition.

Really the situation in the Missouri valley is most hopeful, but it cannot remain stationary, Either it must change for the (worse, if the faculties continue indifferent or impotent, or it must improve immensurably if the faculties and school principals exert authority and influence—authority to insist on some needed revision of rules and their enforcement, influence to instill a sentiment of sport for its own sake.

BASE BALL AND PROSPERITY. King of Games Seems to Have Hit it

Off with "the General." It is becoming very apparent that the gencal imperus that has recently been acquired y business enterprises is extending to base hall and that the season of 1898 will be one of the most notable in the history of the name. From every quarter come assurances of extreordinary interest in base bail af-fairs and base ball organizations are extending and multiplying in a manner that prom-ises a veritable boom in this department of out of door sport. While base ball may still be classed as a sport it is none the less a recognized and legitimate business enterprise. It is governed by the same condi-tions which influence other business pursuits and on these depends in a large measure the question of profit or loss. The most substantial support that base ball clubs receive

league will undoubtedly be merged into a mile protectious organization in which Saritase Ray City and Port Huron will job will job will be found in the fourth best open and two smaller, not including league. Prospects for a Texas league will be organized. The same conditions obtain in a dozen other states in which is a very awkward one to open it one obtain in a dozen other states in which is a very awkward one to open the prospects for smeasuring managers to begin the work of organizations of against the fourth best opening is sound. The prospects for Same's base ball in New The prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's base ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball in New Roll on the prospects for Same's ball on the prospects for Same's ball on the prospects for Same's ball on the fourth best opening in sound the fourth best five cards neaded by queen. The count is a feat was made as the pounds, January 15. Den and J. W. Den at the Council Huffs grounds, January 15. Den and January 15. Den an

has received no official confirmation and is entitled to no more credence than the usual In accounts of matches we frequently se

St. Louis has traded Billy Hart with Pitts-burg for Pitcher Hughey and \$1,800 in cash.

on file for positions as umpires in the National league. Billy Baker, who hails from Canada, is the

test addition to the pitching aggregation the Rockford club. An eight-club league has been organized in

500 a month. Breitenstein has made only one home run ince he began playing professional ball. Leekin was the victim, when he was plichng for Washington.

The New York club, after tucking away big surplus in the treasury, had enough money left to declare a 6 per cent dividend on the capital stack of \$250,000.

The question of a post-season series be tween the teading clubs of the Eastern and Western leagues is being seriously discussed. which of these organizations is entitled to t an actual contest can settle it satis COLLEGE ROWING CONTROVERSIES.

Negotiations Between Vale and Cor-

During the coming week negotiations lookng toward a boat race next spring to be participated in by the 'varsity crews of Cornell, Yale and Harvard will be renewed. They were suspended during the Christmas recess of the students of these universities. What the outcome will be is merely conjecture. Yale has emphatically expressed its reference for the New London course and "K. H. ornell has just as emphatically declared it-elf against that course. The latter would elf against that course. The latter want robably be generally condemned for optiosing the choice of Yale were it not for the set that it won the intercollegiate championhip last spring.
Apropos the controversy now being waged

ead your article in The Bee of December 20 and it's sound except that Harvard should not be linked with Yale. Harvard's attitude toward us is entirely different from Yale's. Yale, by the way, has merely expressed in he challenge its natural preferences. I den't see much use in jumping on it for that and a impugning its motive, although we may uspect on ulterior design. Nor do I see ny reason why we should not quietly correct is assumptions by indicating our preference

"Harvard, on the other hand, has chalenged us, without caming time or place. Our relations with Harvard for the last few years have been very pleasant in all branches and it has given us the most satisfactory rivate assurances for the future. We have very reason to distinguish between Har-vard and Yale in this matter. That the indergraduates of both institutions are drift-ing toward the dual league idea again is but tural, but I do not think that Harvard vill be permanently snared into it. Of course late gets most of the prestige cut of it. We thall take up the matter again next week the negotiations is caused by s, not by Yale.

"We look for a good base ball season here n the spring, Harvard, Princeton and Penn ylvania are all to play in Ithaca and I hat we may capture two out of the three games.

The announcement that Edward Hanks Ten Byck would exter the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania has sethe carpleg critics to writing innumeral screeds agalest the athletic policy of that These criticisms in the main are the effect that the young champion amateu cursman of the world has had great induce ments offered him to enter Periosylvania, and will probably pull the stroke car and captain the next season's 'varsity crew there. fact a are set forth to prove the fairness of these criticisms, but the laster are merely sent out from New England college towns for what they are worth. These critics should ook up the athlet)e rules prevailing at the University of Pennsylvania. As a matter of free should young Tee Eyck enter the Quaker university he will not be eligible for the varsity crew next season and will not row at

troke or at any other position in the boat. It is probable that Ton Eyck will again go to Henicy to defend his claim to the pos-session of the diamond sculls, emblematic o the amateur sculling championship of the world. If he should cross the pond while a student at the dental school of the University of Pecusylvania, there would seemingly be no upropriety in his wearing the colors of that university. As for his entrance into the American intercollegiate boat races, The Bee be a stated that such an event is impossible. Even if it were there is no reason why the howl of project should arise from Harvard. Yalo and Princeton. The latter has no part in aquatic matters. Neither Harvard nor Yale is likely to meet the crew of the University of Pennsylvania. At the present writing it seems probable that Pennsylvania's only boat races will be with Cornell and Columbia, and as long as these universities do not object to the presence of Ten Eyck on the Pennsylvania crew it is bard to see why three institutions not the least bit con-cerned should push into the game. Who

dealt them any cards, anyway? WHIST AND THOSE WHO PLAY IT.

Lead of the Fourth Best and Signals for Suit Strength. The balance of power in whist should be held by the principle of common sense, and rules observed to excess are little better than no rules at all. The precepts generally anticipating an especially profitable season observed, however, are sufficiently exhaustive to adhere to rule. Following are a few technical notes used for the information of the assessing shield does not chronicle a ferward movement along this line. Both the seven six, in a plain suit, most authorities advise the lead of the fourth best, the eight make an cisht club league and the step seems to be warranted by the situation. The sources while Lowell and Manches and Montgomery, while Lowell and Manches iter are candidates for admission to the New York State league is an assured fact, vish a memberalized is a seven or higher. In trumps in the central part of the busiling towns in the central part of the season and during the greater part of the season and during the greater part of December there weather and successive snow storms came and successive snow storms came during the greater part of the season and during the greater part of December there weather and successive snow storms came during the greater part of December there weather and successive snow storms came during the parties of the season and during the greater part of December there has been comparatively little shooting by tackled a deputy sheriff, who promptly served and stackment on the whole stook of goods and the step seems to the warranted by the situation. The market hunters have kept popping away in spite of the commission men. The market hunters have kept popping away in spite of the season and during the greater part of December there has been comparatively little shooting by tackled a deputy sheriff, who promptly served and stackment on the whole stook of goods and there has been no time the greater part of December there has been comparatively little shooting by tackled a deputy sheriff, who promptly served and the step seems in the commission men. The market hunters have kept popping away in spite of the snow, and there has been no time the stead of the elasting the addition of the season and during the greater part of December there are candidated to a server or higher. In trumps and Montgomery, while Lowell and Manches the

The prospects for Sunday base ball in New York have decidedly improved and it is now have to work six days in the week will be allowed the opportunity to enjoy a couple of hours of recreation on Sunday. If this proves to be correct the question of Sunday base ball in the National league will be constructed by settled. There is no doubt that Brooklyn will follow the example of Manhatan and Sunday cames next season would go far to cut down the \$50,000 deficit in the finances of the club. of the club.

Omaha is still on the anxious seat as for as its prospective membership in the Western lengue is concerned. The widely quoted rumor that Anson was to go to St. Louis probable ruis of the leader's hand.

entitled to no more credence than the usual run of winter gossip. In fact it is not credible that the Chicago management would allow Anson to go to another National league city unless there is a decided change in the situation and the promise of Von der Ahe's of the books on whist. Why? Simply because that no one regards it as worth believing. The more reliable authorities insist that if Anson leaves Chicago it will be to take charge of a Western league club in Omaha charge of a Western league can and whether this turns out to be the best guess or not it is good enough to be held in hoppy anticipation until there is some good reason for laying it on the shell. Meantime Omaha seems to have nothing else to do but to passess itself in such patience as cossible while the magnates work out the state of the recognized frill, but when a team amounces that it plays the rotary discard and then changes the according to barge of a Western league club in Omaha thoroughly treated that to mention them tepted order of cards, it is descending to tharp practice, and as a rule the majority A deal is reported between Kansas City that the adversary is unfamiliar with them and that tricks can be gained. Some players have a frill that has been found quite suchave a frill that has been found quite such as the friends of the opceasful; that is, leading a sub of the op-posite color to the trump me a call for trump indication of strength. There is a frill to this. Partner takes the trick, but instead of leading trump, he leads a disgleton thus trump before leading. In fact, so eager are Ohio with a schedule lasting from May 15 to resort to any scheme. It will eventually drive self-respecting members from the clubs and injure the game,

> To show how easy it is to demonstrate advantage of a particular system by the publication of hands, I give the following, which the hands north and south are first played by long suiters and second by short Poster characterizes this hand es West dealt and turned the heart, queen, South, West, the most remarkable ever played

South take one trick only ow the short suiters played nort

North and South win eight tricks. In the this matter the following letter from a first play notice had plays of North at tricks rominent athletic adviser of Cornell uni- 2 and 7, and of South at trick 4. In second versity to the sporting editor of The Bee is play notice too play of East at trick of some interest. It is as follows: "I have Suppose North and South play sound whi d that East and West make a few error judgment in the first ccheme and the is as follows:

\*J U H H S D C C S C

By this play North and South make sevricks and not a play that is really bar Now take the second scheme and play

CDCDDCSHSSH \*4 H. 5 C. 7 H. •9 C. • 8 S. \*Q H 9 D 2 D

North and South make but three tricks, This is not given as the very best play the hands, but as an illustration how a few nuc-ilonable plays may make a great differ- bar first. Well, the judge came accence in the scores and that fact ascribed to lot that morning, and let down the he superiority of the system rather than the bar first before he led his saddle horse superiority of the players. Last Saturday being Christmas, the regu

whisters were present. The scores for the evening were as follows:

North and South—
Allee and Shea. 241
Shipley and Comstock. 257 Bruner and Pope ...

Reed and Gaines.
Funkhouser and Hawkes
McDowell and Jordon.
Summey and Stanford.
Burness and Morse.
Stubbs and Robinson... Average
East and West—
Rinehart and Stebbins...
Jones and Meikle Redick and Morsman,
Garner and Joseph Joplin,
McMullen and A. M. Joplin,
Funk and A. W. Scribner,
Heth and Cahn,

Average
The ten highest for the ber stand as follows:
Belndorff 29 Burrell Reed 26 Lawrence Rinehart 25 Shoat Seribner, G. O. 22 Funkhouser 14 McDowell as the six month Average 23 The ten highest for the month of Decem-The ten highest for the six months ending Reed ..... Beindorff 101 Seribner, G. O.... 100 Burrell

SHOTGUNS AND THEIR WIELDERS. Nothing Left to Shoot in Nebraska but

Squirrels and Craps. The open season in Nebraska closed Friing in sight are squirrels and craps. In spite of the unusual number of quali the season has not been particularly notable from a sportsman's standpoint. The severe weather and successive snow storms came along at the best part of the season and

Rolls O. Heikes killed seventy-six spar- they iroited as consumption. rows out of eighty at indianapolis, the other day, an average of 95 per cent. Rollo has also won the laurels for the best record ovenings are, struck aim a blow between the lor the season. He has won thirty-three eyes that knocked him senseless. also won the laurels for the best record for the season. He has won thirty-three first averages, fifteen seconds five thirds and one fourth for single days' shooting. In gencial averages for from two to five days' shooting, he has wen nine firsts, seven steemed and two thirds, hesides scoring the bighest average for a single day.

Mrs. Theresa Cardoza, who sided last Saturday in San Francisco, weighed uver 600 pounds. Sho wis so large that the undertaker had to break down the stair railings and lower the body with chairs. A special casket, bound with iron, was made and a furniture van had to be used in place of a

E. D. Fulford of Ution, N. Y., show through an entire day's program at Indian-spolis without losing a bird and killed twenty-four out of twenty-five in the big event on the following day. Jack Fanning of San Francisco won first money in the Grand Central handicap by killing twentyfive birds straight.

It is said that certain New York parties are talking of backing Captain J. L. Brewer against Fred Gilbert for the Kansas City Star cup. The captain cays that if such a match ever takes place he will give "the student" a few lessons in pigeon shooting that the other fellows who shot matches with Gilbert never knew.

E. D. Fulford and Charlie Budd divided second money in the Grand Central Handicap at Indianapolis December 15 by killing twenty-four out of twenty-five birds.

R. O. Heikes has accorded C. M. Grimm's challenge to shoot for the Cast Iron Medal and the match will be shot at Dayton, O., Here are the principal events that are in

sight in the immediate future: January 13 to 22-Fourth ennual sportsnen's exposition and bicycle show, Madison Square Garden January 18-20-Hamilton, Ont. Live birds: \$1,000 guaranteed. \$1,000 guaranteed.
February 15-19—Hot Springs, Ark., second annual midwinter tournament; \$1,100 added

in cash. Four days targets, one day live birds.
March 4 and 5-Riverton, fifth annual 100-

bird handleap. March 14-26 Inclusive—New England cortsmen's association exhibition, Boston Morch 22, 23, 24-The Interstate associa-

ion's Grand American Handicro at live picks, Elkwood park, Long Broach, N. J.; 11,000 guaranteed by the Interstate associa-\$1,000 ion and all surplus added. March 29, 30, 31 and April 1-Pennsylvania tate Sportsmen's association tournament, at Reading, Pa.

The assurance yesterday that Harvard had wed the mixth annual intercollegate chess championship was received with interest in ocal cuers circles. Harvard won a merited letory as the representatives of that uniersly were undoubtedly among the brightest young chest amateurs in the country. Southard of Harvard made the unusual record but your of woming every game he played out Hewins, his pariner, who has been less setive of late, made a good record in a similar context three years ago. This makes the fourth annual victory for Harvard, which the good agest sewed the to consecutive. s a good start coward the ten consecutive riumphs necessary to the permanent pos-session of the champlenship silver cup.

Problem No. 6, by La Rue Williams of South Omaha; White to play and mate in hree moven. from other players and will be pubished if suitable



Problem No. 5, done by B to K Kt, 6. Solved by H. B. Hammond and J. R. Letty. Proposed solution, K: to B 4, by A. G., Omaha, admits of the esape, K to K Kt 4.

TOLD OUT OF COURT.

Bob Rose, a Chicago court stonographer, was down in Texas last summer, and formed he acquaintance of State Chairman Blake of the democratic committee, relates the Chi-cigo Post. Blake is himself a character; but his father is still better. The old man is now a preacher, but he used to be a lawyer, and cothing pleases him more than to tell of the old code that obtained when he was "at the bar."

For one thing Elder Blake apologized for

he unseemly tale he was going to tell, and hen told it. "I was on the grand jury that year, and there was little or nothing to do. Texas was as quiet as a sheepfold. So we watched for infractions of both law and custom. It is a well known rule of law that a man letting down a pair of bars must let down the top bar first. Well, the judge came across my

"So we indicted him. Being the accused of course he couldn't sit on his own case lar meeting of the Omaha Whist club was so the boys elected me judge to fill the va-postooned one week. Wednesday being cancy, and we let him have counsel. He "visitors' night," quite a number of local wouldn't plead guilty, so we found him wouldn't plead guilty, so we found him guilty, and twelve of the grand jury, sitting a petit jury, fined him a gallon of whisky.

"In Texas half of the fines go to the county, and as we were the representatives of the county in that transaction we colected the fine and turned it into the general fund-a glassful at a time."

An attorney of Columbus, O., recently had a foreign collection of several hundred dol-lars for a married lady, who now lives in a western town. Her husband seemed very importurate in his demands on the attorney to hurry up the collection, and wrote frequently, each time signing his wife's name to all letters. The attorney finally sent the sum collected by certified check, payable to the order of his client, only to avoid any possibility of less to her the check was collected through a hand for a let in Obio. collected through a bank in a city in Ohio, where she had formerly lived, and by the payee herself. Not having any word except the returned check, a note was ad-dressed to his client, calling attention to the same. The reply was as usual from the husband, who was by this time thoroughly displeased. It was as follows, verbatim

"Mrs. R. received another card from you and requests me to answer it, which I will by giving you my opinion, which is that you are either a penurious practicing petafoger of the poverey privateged class, or you know just enough to eat when hungry and vote the republican ticket. Respectfully yours.

Upon receiving this smushing blow the attorney lost his courage and strongly thought of retiring from practice.

ship composed of eight of the hustling towns in the central part of the hustling towns in the central part of the hustling towns although the question is a close one, it is limit of \$900 or \$1,000. The Michigan State to open originally in the usual way.

hearas in taking the remains to the cometery. Near Bridgeville, Md., lives a colored family consisting of varon Quall, his wife and twenty-four children. years ago Quail married Martha Ann Rogers, and twenty-four children were born. One child died. There were three sets of twins. Two years ago his wife died, and one year later Quali married again. On child is the result of that union. When the meals are served two tables are used, fourteen sitting at one and twelve at the other, to avoid the unlucky thirteen.
Recent high water in Florida has taken

all the hyacinths out of the St. Join's river. In the upper portices of the stream the water rose several feet higher than usual and landed hundreds of acres of the hyacinths back in the woods, where the receding waters left them to die. This is a great relief to the boatmen, as the earlier months of the summer found the river so impeded with the plant as to form a practical barrier to commerce for days at a time

"Where do you want to go?" asked the elevator boy, "I want to go to heaven, my boy," smilingly answered the Salvation army man wh had stepped kiside, "but you may put me off at the top floor.'

"You must have got in the wrong build-ing, mister," rejoined the boy. "Toore ain't nobody but lowyers on the top floor," The following defense was made by a Sa cannon (Ga.) darkey in the city court: 'I stole dem britches, I 'nowledge de corn, But 'twan't no crime, sho's you bore;

I stole dem bruches to be baptize to. "De chain gaug's got me, and de coal mine But what could a 'fenseless cutered mon do When de judge and de jury 'lowed it was a Sin

Et de motif am right, den whar's de sin?

"In de ledgement, old Gabriel gwise to say-Pomp's straig t as a sh'ogle and clear as day: Ho'll shout to the world dat it 'twan't no

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